obtain and verify information regarding the citizenship or immigration status of applicants and tenants in accordance with the procedures of 24 CFR part 5.

(b) Protection from liability. HUD will not take any compliance, disallowance, penalty or other regulatory action against a housing owner with respect to any error in its determination to make an individual eligible for financial assistance based upon citizenship or eligible immigration status, as provided in 24 CFR part 5.

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## Subpart E—Audits

## § 236.901 Audit.

Where a State or local government receives interest reduction payments under section 236(b) of the National Housing Act or is the mortgagor of a mortgage insured or held by the Commissioner under this part, it shall conduct audits in accordance with HUD audit requirements at 24 CFR part 44.

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## Subpart F—Uniform Relocation Assistance

## § 236.1001 Displacement, relocation, and acquisition.

- (a) Minimizing displacement. Consistent with the other goals and objectives of this part, mortgagors shall assure that they have taken all reasonable steps to minimize the displacement of persons (households, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and farms) as a result of a project assisted under this part.
- (b) Temporary relocation. The following policies cover residential tenants who will not be required to move permanently but who must relocate temporarily to permit rehabilitation or other work for the assisted project. Such tenants must be provided:
- (1) Reimbursement for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with the temporary relocation, including the cost of moving to and from the temporary housing, any increase in monthly rent/utility costs, and any incidental expenses.

- (2) Appropriate advisory services, including reasonable advance written notice of:
- (i) The date and approximate duration of the temporary relocation;
- (ii) The location of the suitable, decent, safe, and sanitary dwelling to be made available for the temporary period:
- (iii) The terms and conditions under which the tenant may lease and occupy a suitable, decent, safe, and sanitary dwelling in the building/complex following completion of the repairs; and
- (iv) The provisions of paragraph (b)(1) of this section.
- (c) Relocation assistance for displaced persons. A "displaced person" (defined in paragraph (g) of this section) must be provided relocation assistance at the levels described in, and in accordance with the requirements of, the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (URA) (42 U.S.C. 4201-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR part 24. A "displaced person" shall be advised of his or her rights under the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601–19), and, if the representative comparable replacement dwelling used to establish the amount of the replacement housing payment to be provided to a minority person is located in an area of minority concentration, such person also shall be given, if possible, referrals to comparable and suitable, decent, safe and sanitary replacement dwellings not located in such areas.
- (d) Real property acquisition requirements. The acquisition of real property for a project is subject to the URA and the requirements of 49 CFR part 24, subpart B.
- (e) Appeals. A person who disagrees with the mortgagor's determination concerning whether the person qualifies as a "displaced person," or with the amount of relocation assistance for which the person is eligible, may file a written appeal of that determination with the mortgagor. A person who is dissatisfied with the mortgagor's determination on his or her appeal may submit a written request for review of the determination to the HUD Field Office.
- (f) Responsibility of mortgagor. (1) The mortgagor shall certify (i.e., provide assurance of compliance as required by